



Meal Cold Weather / Long Range Patrol (MCW/LRP)



Dual Purpose in a Single Product...Specialized rations were designed for both cold-weather forces and Special Operational Forces (SOF) in a single food product called the Meal Cold Weather (MCW)/Long Range Patrol (LRP).

Why Is It Needed?:

Soldiers who work and live in extreme cold need rations that supply extra calories and are nutritionally designed for cold weather. Soldiers who are part of Special Operations Forces (SOF) need rations in a lightweight, low volume package that meet the Surgeon General's nutritional requirements for restricted calorie feeding. Since the primary components of the MCW and the LRP are the same, we decided to cut costs by combining them into a single product that can be procured under one contract.

Key Features:

We're using the same meals for both the MCW and the LRP, with these differences: the LRP food packet comes in one tan bag and totals 1540 calories to meet the low weight and volume requirements; the MCW food packet comes in three white bags and totals 4620 calories, meeting the caloric requirements for a cold-weather ration.

Benefits:

Lightweight...12 menus with entrées are freeze-dried, light (less than one pound), small and require little preparation.

Weather Resistant...The rations won't freeze in cold-weather extremes.

Cost Effective...By combining the two special-purpose rations, their availability is increased and costs are cut significantly.

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